A message from the president

At RIT, “technology” isn’t a buzzword. It’s our name. It’s what we are.
And that means we’re in a terrific position to be a leader in the technological revolution.

With the creation of RIT’s eighth and largest college, a new era in computing and information sciences is underway at RIT.

The B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences owes its existence to the generosity of an extraordinary friend and member of our Board of Trustees. As the founder of the Rochester-based Paychex Inc., Tom Golisano demonstrated outstanding foresight and the kind of dedication we hope to instill in our graduates. We’re honored and proud to have his name permanently connected to this university.

You’ll read more about the new college and about Tom in this issue. We also feature the stories of some of our alumni who have taken on the challenge — as did Tom — of operating their own businesses.

This issue takes you along on our trek into the world of astronomy, and gives you a look at some new gathering places for students here on campus. And you’ll meet some of our hard-working students who, of course, are at the core of everything we do.

Our annual convocation ceremony takes place Friday evening, May 25, with commencement ceremonies for each college on Friday and Saturday, May 26. This is always a festive, happy time on campus, the culmination of all that we do. Please consider joining us on this occasion.

And keep the weekend of Oct. 12 – 14 in mind. Our first comprehensive alumni reunion will take place during Brick City Festival, our fall celebration. It’s going to be a great event, but it will be better if you’re there!

Cordially yours,

Alfred J. DeFrancesco
President
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NTID Lands Major Award To Foster Educational Opportunities for the Deaf

In a first-of-its-kind effort to improve education and career opportunities for the world’s 6 million deaf and hard-of-hearing people, the Nippon Foundation of Japan is partnering with the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT and Japan’s Tsukuba College of Technology (TCT) to establish a worldwide university network.

The Nippon Foundation is awarding NTID $911,700 to underwrite the first year of a five-year $6.17 million project, the Postsecondary Education Network International (PEN-International). “We anticipated that this is the first step in a multi-year partnership with the Nippon Foundation to technologically link universities around the world that serve deaf and hard-of-hearing people,” says Robert Davila, NTID CIO and an RIT vice president.

PEN-International is being undertaken to help universities apply state-of-the-art instructional technologies, improve and update their technical curriculum, and update their computer hardware and software for instruction. NTID and TCT will use their expertise in deaf education and technology to assist participating countries with faculty training, development of instructional products, and application of the Worldwide Web, information technology and distance learning technologies to teaching and learning.

NTID and TCT faculty will teach information technologies and operating systems, as well as various multimedia and off-the-shelf software packages. This project will include student and faculty exchanges and joint ventures with information technology industries.

“PEN-International will enhance local capability and global networking at each participant institution. Participants will be moved from 'importers' of 'know-how' to self-sufficiency,” said James J. DeCaro, a research professor and the former dean at NTID, who is the principal investigator and director of PEN-International. “As the project progresses, each institution will develop the capability to export what has been learned through the project to other programs serving people who are deaf.”

Over the five-year life of the project, PEN-International will work in as many as 10 different countries, with Tianjin College for the Deaf of Tianjin University of Technology (China) being the first, and the Center for the Deaf at Moscow State Technical University (Russia) to follow.

NTID and Tsukuba College of Technology have worked very closely together on instructional projects and technology transfers between their two institutions since TCT was established in 1990. “Our partnership with NTID to establish and conduct PEN-International is a logical extension of our already close working relationship,” said Nioki Chronis, dean of TCT.

Russell W. Bessette, M.L.I., executive director of the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research (NYSTAR), will be keynote speaker at RIT’s 116th Annual Commencement. Dr. Bessette will speak at the Academic Convocation at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 25.

NYSTAR, created under the historic Jobs 2000 Act passed in 1998, was established to help expand the state’s position in high-technology research and to foster economic development. Bessette was appointed in January 2000 by Governor George E. Pataki.

Dr. Bessette has been involved in academic research for more than 30 years. Academic convocation, which is open to all, takes place in the commencement tent, located in parking lot U behind the Student Alumni Union. Commencement ceremonies for each of RIT’s colleges are scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 25 and 26. For more information, see the Commencement 2001 Web site: www2.rit.edu/commencement/
RIT imaging scientists play key role in NASA project

Imagine a global satellite system that would detect small forest fires before they spread out of control.

Scientists at RIT’s Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science are working to build such a system. The university is teaming up with NASA’s Regional Applications Center Northeast (RACNE) at Cayuga Community College (CCC) in Auburn, N.Y., and Teleopti, an Italian aerospace company that specializes in satellite operations and communications.

In fiscal year 2000, Congress included a $2.3 million appropriation in NASA’s budget to initiate the project. Since then, total funding has reached nearly $5 million. Congressman James Walsh of Syracuse, who chairs the VA/HUD/Independent Agencies subcommittee, championed the funding.

RIT will develop requirements for the fire-detection instrument for the satellite remote-sensing system during the first phase of the project known as Forest Fire InfraRed Imaging Experimental System, or "FFIRIS." RACNE will survey potential users such as local, state and federal agencies.

"RIT’s role is to prove the underlying science and establish the feasibility of a multi-satellite operational system," says Michael Richardson, RIT distinguished researcher and FFIRIS project manager.

Rep. Walsh foresees future benefits stemming from the collaboration on the FFIRIS project. "The joint project is challenging research with spin-off technology potential to help keep our young talented graduates in New York state," Walsh says.

John Simmons, associate for Congressman Walsh, was instrumental in bringing about this expansion of RIT’s partnership with NASA. "I am delighted about this new effort between RIT and NASA," he says. "RIT has been doing outstanding work in imaging science and has a long and impressive track record in remote sensing. I see this project as an important contributor to the long and productive relationship between NASA and RIT."

Simmons, who served as president of Student Government while at RIT, also notes that "it feels good to be able to help the institution that helped me get where I am today."

Student publication wins honors

Reporter magazine, RIT’s weekly student publication, captured third prize in the Associated Collegiate Press Feature/Special Audience Magazine category. Judges awarded prizes based on design, photography, overall appearance and writing/content.

Jeff Prytula, Reporter editor and third-year information technology student, notes that the award was especially gratifying because the first- and second-place awards were given to annual and bimonthly publications, respectively.

The team won for the overall appearance of the Sept. 20 issue they submitted. Reporter, in its 91st year of publication, is the only full-color weekly student publication in the nation with this distinction.

"The Pacesetter Award is the Pulitzer Prize of college newspaper journalism," says Rich Truitt, Reporter’s online editor. The online edition was launched last summer and can be found on the Web at www.ReporterMag.com.

Alliance goal: Expand upstate business opportunities

Aimed at generating economic success in western New York, the new Upstate Alliance for Innovation has won a National Science Foundation grant of $600,000 for a project to strengthen entrepreneurial efforts in the region.

The Alliance includes RIT, University at Buffalo, University of Rochester, RIT’s offices in Rochester and Buffalo, High Technology Rochester (HTR), the Western New York Technology Development Center (TDC), and IPcom Inc.

"The main outcome of the Alliance will be a region in-the-know, excited about innovation and individual roles in expanding the economy," says Donald Boyd, associate provost for outreach programs and director of RIT’s First in Class Initiative. The Alliance focuses on the importance of growing the high-tech job base in western New York, especially in terms of intellectual property and high-tech business start-ups, Boyd explains.

Deputy Mayor Jeff Carlson of Rochester says, "Rochester has been the home of some significant expansion in telecommunications as well as other high-tech businesses. It only makes sense that we unite area municipalities and our compatriots in Buffalo to strengthen job growth and workforce development."

Learning innovation processes and business models will contribute to the Alliance goal of raising invention disclosures and patent applications by 20 percent, the university partners believe. This will increase the already substantial activities at UB, UR and RIT. During the last year, faculty at the three universities disclosed 151 discoveries and inventions and the universities applied for 129 patents.

Another key Alliance goal involves creating more collaborative research between Alliance schools and small- to mid-size upstate companies.

Additionally, communication among the partners will allow opportunities for bundling and licensing technologies to create new firms in the region. The Alliance wants to establish 10 to 15 new companies in upstate, including spin-offs from the partners’ research.

To create companies based on innovators’ discoveries, the Alliance plans to find an intrapreneur Roundtable made up of the 100 innovators and associated organizations.

The Alliance will afford more creative ways to bundle inventions and technology than any of the partners could hope to accomplish singly, members predict.
**RIT project helps museums protect their collections**

For precious artifacts and cherished documents, time is the enemy. Now, technology being developed by RIT's Image Permanence Institute may dramatically slow down the clock.

As part of a $1.3 million project, IPI invited libraries, archives and museums from across the United States to participate in a two-year study of a system for preservation-environment assessment. The aim is to evaluate the technology and create a database of environmental requirements for specific types of museum objects.

IPI provided hardware, software and training to about 180 test sites in 43 states. Participating institutions include Rochester's George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography and Film, Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston and the National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C.

Each site has received two preservation environment monitors that look very much like home thermostats. A software application called Climate Notebook accompanies the monitors, providing improved interpretation and reporting capabilities for temperature and humidity data collected from these units. Analysis of the information allows staff members at the test locations to pinpoint environmental conditions for optimal preservation.

"This brings to fruition 20 years of laboratory research at RIT and elsewhere," says James Reilly, IPI director. "The response from museum has been overwhelming. They're telling us, 'We need this technology now.'"

Grant Rome, director of conservation at the George Eastman House, couldn't agree more. "It's extraordinarily important for our collection of items," Rome explains. "What has happened in the past is that people try to monitor conditions in the vault. It's a difficult process and provided little understanding of the long-term impact on the collection. This device and the service that it provides, quantifies the information and gives a clearer picture."

To help finance the project, IPI received $735,000 in grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute for Museum and Library Services and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. RIT provided the remainder in matching funds.

The Image Permanence Institute, a department of the College of Imaging Arts and Sciences, was founded in 1985 as a nonprofit research laboratory.

**New programs begin in three colleges**

The College of Liberal Arts (CLA), the College of Applied Science and Technology (CAST) and the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (NTID) are offering new programs of study.

CLA's new public policy degree program, which includes a B/S/M option, will prepare students for careers in government, administrative agencies, nonprofit organizations, industry or corporate public affairs offices. Unique to the program is its focus on how science and technology influence corporate and public decision making.

Students will gain an interdisciplinary perspective by taking courses from other RIT colleges. Students will specialize in either environmental policy or information and communication policy, and will complete a 10-week cooperative education experience.

CAST's civil engineering technology department has created a certificate program in structural design. Civil engineering is one of the fastest-growing employment fields in the United States, with average annual growth near 30 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

"Structural engineers are in high demand to design and build new infrastructure and rehabilitate existing ones," says Abi Aghaever, RIT assistant professor of civil engineering technology, who initiated development of the new certificate program. The 20-credit-hour program targets working architects and civil engineers holding bachelor's or associate's degrees.

NTID's new computer aided drafting technology (CADC) program prepares students for careers in the large, growing job market for technical drafters. Students can work toward diploma, associate in occupational studies (AOS) and associate of applied science (AAS) degrees. The CADC programs will offer four options, Architecture/Engineering/Construction (A/E/C) and Manufacturing, reflecting job demand.

"The program offers excellent accessibility due to its multiple entry points and projects a high rate of completion due to its multiple exit levels," said Ronald J. Till, associate professor and chairperson of the CADC Department.
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RIT heads software engineering Web project

RIT is the lead university in a $50,000 initiative funded by the National Science Foundation that will produce instructional support material for software engineering and make it available on a new Web site.

Michael Luta, RIT Motorola Professor of Software Engineering, is collaborating with faculty from Georgia Tech, Texas Tech University, Iowa State University, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University and the Milwaukee School of Engineering to develop the Website. Co-op and graduate students from RIT, Georgia Tech and Texas Tech will collaborate.

Known as SWENET—The Network Community for Software Engineering Education—the Web site will be a repository for software-engineering material used by academia and industry for course development and training.

"SWENET will become a rich mine of useful information and tools to help accelerate the adoption of software engineering in academia," Luta predicts.

Currently in the preliminary stages of development at www.swenet.org, SWENET was formally launched at the Conference on Software Engineering Education and Training in February.

In Memoriam

Alfred Haucke, a former RIT administrator and research scientist, died July 31, 2000, at age 70 from cancer. Haucke worked in the Applied Science Division of what was RIT's College of Continuing Education....

Norman Miles, former director of national development, died Aug. 22, 2000, as the result of a long battle with Lou Gehrig's disease. He retired from RIT in 1994 after 17 years on campus. His legacy to the university is the Norman A. Miles Endowment Fund for Excellence in Academic Study and Teaching. ....

Norman Miller, professor of electrical engineering, died July 26, 2000, of cancer. A native of England, Miller had taught at RIT since 1984. ....

William Burns, former associate dean of the College of Science, died Oct. 21, 2000, after a long illness. Burns came to RIT in 1968 as a medical technology professor and eventually became program director. He also served as head of the biology department and the clinical sciences department (now allied health sciences). He retired in 1987....

Patsy Hobbs, former building services supervisor for Physical Plant, died Dec. 1, 2000, of cancer. She joined RIT in 1949 as housekeeper for then-President Paul Miller.
Golisano’s generosity launches a new college

With the creation of the B. Thomas Golisano College of Computing and Information Sciences, RIT has assured its place as a permanent destination on the information superhighway.

The new college, believed to be the largest and most complete computing college in the country, will be home to programs in computer science, information technology and software engineering. Named for its founding donor, B. Thomas Golisano, chairman and chief executive officer of Paychex Inc., the college owes its launch to his gift of $14 million.

“The digital revolution makes this a very exciting time to be at RIT — this is our time to lead in preparing the world’s next generation of IT and computer professionals,” said Albert Simone, RIT president. “Thanks to Tom Golisano, we are able to get our new college off the ground much faster than anyone anticipated. As a member of the Board of Trustees, Tom is keenly aware of RIT’s role — not only in Rochester but around the world — in preparing students for careers in technology.”

Since the new college and Golisano’s gift were announced at a standing-room-only news conference on Feb. 7, Golisano has received numerous positive comments from people in the Rochester community. “RIT has a chance to be the No. 1 IT school in the country, and be recognized for it,” Golisano stated. “This is going to be very important to this community, and very important to the country. I’m glad to be associated with it.”

His company, Paychex Inc., has an information technology staff of 550. “The demands on that organization are high,” he said, “because we recognize the efficiency and productivity and product offerings they can create, and that we can create because of the IT development. So this is very important to us.”

Golisano’s commitment to help RIT establish this new college also reflects his

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Tom Golisano picked up the phone. His brother-in-law, Nyhl Austin, an engineering student at RIT, wanted some advice.

"He came over to the house—it was a Friday—and we sat down at the kitchen table and he said, 'I got my first co-op job offer from Sybron Corp., but I don't know if they're paying me enough,'" Golisano recalls. Sybron was offering $107 per week—a goodly sum in 1964 and, to Golisano's surprise, somewhat more than he was making in a management position for a Rochester bank.

Golisano told Austin to take the job. On Monday, he went back to the bank and resigned.

Then B. Thomas Golisano, with this sideswiping glance at RIT, began a journey to make himself master of his own fate. He ultimately founded Paychex Inc., the phenomenally successful Rochester-based national provider of payroll, human resource, and benefits services for small- to medium-size businesses. The company posted earnings of $190 million last year, up 37 percent from 1999, marking the 10th straight year of record earnings.

Such enviable performance has made Paychex one of the safest bets on Wall Street. In January 2001, the company made the A-list in the Business Services section of the Forbes Global rankings for the second year in a row. The company's consistently high price-earnings ratio (the price of a stock divided by its earnings per share) demonstrates tremendous investor confidence in Paychex's future prosperity. The company's market capitalization (the share price times the number of shares outstanding—in other words, the total value of all stock) is now equivalent to $15 billion.

It's been quite a ride, and it all started 30 years ago on the streets of Rochester.

At that time, Golisano was working in sales for Electronic Accounting Systems, a payroll processing company serving large companies. "I was just driving down a commercial street one day and I thought, you know, most of these businesses are very small," he recalls, "and I went to the library and confirmed that 98 percent of all businesses in the United States have fewer than 100 employees."

Small companies, he reasoned, need even more help handling payroll than large companies because they tend to be less sophisticated in dealing with complex administrative issues. Here was an untapped—and potentially huge—market.

Golisano put together a plan for serving those businesses and took it to his employer—twice. EAS wasn't interested. So, in 1971, he took his good idea and $3,000 and started Paychex.

Overnight success eluded the determined entrepreneur.

"I sent out 1,500 pieces of direct mail," he remembers, "I needed about 75 clients to break even. I think I sold 6. I had to beg, borrow and steal for the next three or four years."

Tough times indeed for a married man with two small children.

"Payroll processing services for small companies, when we first started, were unheard of," he explains. "People were very shy and conservative relative to sending that kind of information out of their office."

It's a tribute to his perseverance and the quality of the fledgling company's work that he reached his original goal of 300 clients in less than five years. As the company picked up momentum, he arrived at another crossroads. A friend and former co-worker wanted to get involved. They decided he should open a business in Syracuse.

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Then the light went on again. "I woke up and realized we had the opportunity to build a national company," he says. But he also realized that wouldn't be possible with 38 separate companies. In a six-month period, culminating in an all-important meeting, he persuaded the 17 partners and franchisers to go along with his plan for consolidation in 1979. As a unified, larger company, Paychex achieved a stronger financial position. Four years later, the company went public.

In subsequent years, Paychex has expanded its services, helping clients with human resources functions such as retirement plan record keeping, workers' compensation services, flexible spending accounts, and other offerings. Also, the ever-expanding web of state and federal regulations employers must follow, and the wide array of benefits now offered to employees, have made payroll a much more complex function.

The growth potential remains enormous. There are 5.7 million businesses in the markets served by Paychex today, Golisano says, and Paychex's 360,000 clients represent only about 6 percent of the total. So far, the company does business in more than 100 cities in 36 states, so there's still plenty of untapped domestic geography. And there's been talk of expanding overseas.

At age 59, the chairman, president and CEO of Paychex hasn't lost his passion for the business.

"I enjoy it." Golisano says, "and the leverage is huge. Let me explain: Paychex has 375 million shares outstanding. If, by doing a good job our stock price increases by 20 or 15 percent, think of the financial impact that has on people. It's huge. A 25-percent increase in our stock is $10 a share today. Times 375 million shares, that's almost $4 billion in financial impact to a lot of people, including a lot of our employees."

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Confidence in the university and its future. "A non-profit organization, just like a commercial enterprise, has a responsibility to be productive and efficient," he said. "And I think RIT does a good job."

Computing is the fastest-growing occupational category in the country today. With an estimated 1.6 million new information technology workers needed this year alone. It is forecast that in the next five years, at least 3 million new jobs will be created for computer systems analysts, computer support specialists, programmers, and software developers.

"A new era in computing and information sciences is about to begin at RIT," said William Buckingham, chairman of RIT’s Board of Trustees. "We are realizing a vision that will lift an RIT education to the highest level, and at the same time, provide a highly trained workforce for the industries of tomorrow."

The new college will initially have an enrollment of 3,000, and is expected to grow to 4,500 students in five years. "We have seen applications to our existing computer science and information technology programs increase by 182 percent since 1994," said Wiley McKinnie, dean, College of Applied Science and Technology. "When these programs move to the new College of Computing and Information Sciences, it will immediately be the largest computing college in the country," added McKinnie.

"What will make this college unlike any other is the comprehensive approach we are taking to computing," McKinnie continued. "We are combining and elevating the three essential disciplines — computer science, software engineering, and information technology. They represent the discovery of ideas, the development and design of products that flow from those ideas, and the application of those products in our lives."

Walter Wolf was named interim dean of the new college. He came to RIT in 1983 as a lecturer in computer science, earned an M.S. in that discipline from RIT in 1985, and has served as computer science department chair since 1998.

The new college launches with bachelor’s and master’s degree programs in computer science, software engineering and information technology. Computer science will offer B.S. and M.S. degrees and focus on software development, communications, operating systems, networks and programming language concepts.
Spirit of giving marks RIT’s history

Throughout its 172 years, Rochester Institute of Technology seized opportunities that enabled it to prosper. Behind each of these milestone events was a commitment to education, visionary leadership, and often a friend whose generosity made it possible.

George Eastman was perhaps RIT’s first great benefactor. A strong supporter of the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute, Mr. Eastman was concerned about the growing enrollment and limited space available at the turn of the century. Understanding the value of technical education, this legendary philanthropist made a significant gift of land and a building that gave the Institute its first permanent home.

At the urging of Eastman, George H. Clark, among the wealthiest men in Rochester, joined the Board of Trustees in 1910. When Institute funds ran short, Mr. Clark offered a $600,000 challenge that started the Institute’s healthy endowment. This gift led to the completion of the Clark building which enabled the Institute to respond quickly to the postwar demand for technological training. Mr. Clark began a four-generation, 91-year relationship between the Clark family and RIT that continues today through Trustees Mary Jo Brooke, his granddaughter, and Nancy Burke, great-granddaughter.

RIT’s engineering program owes a great deal to the commitment of several generations of the Gleason family. Many members of this family have demonstrated remarkable dedication to RIT, including James E. Gleason, who served on the Board of Trustees for 62 years (1899 to 1961), and his sister, engineering pioneer Kate Gleason. The first woman elected to the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, today, the connection remains strong through the efforts of James and Janis Gleason. Just one example of the family’s philanthropic support is a $10 million gift in 1998, commemorated by the naming of the Kate Gleason College of Engineering. RIT’s first named college and the first engineering college in the country named for a woman.

As the early Institute grew in size, the campus could no longer support its needs. Moving from downtown Rochester to a new campus was only a dream until Grace Watson made it a reality. Virtually unknown to RIT, Mrs. Watson changed the course of RIT history when she left $5.1 million to the Institute in the early 1960s. These funds provided the Board with the confidence to undertake the monumental task of developing a new site, and were used to buy the land for the Henrietta campus. Interestingly, it was through the relationship developed as a result of this gift that Mrs. Watson’s attorney, Frederick Wiedman Jr., also became a generous donor to RIT. The most recent gift was a $3.5 million bequest from Mr. Wiedman in 2004.

The City of Rochester became a world leader in imaging technology due in part to the ingenuity of Chester F. Carlson, the inventor of xerography. Mr. Carlson and his wife, Dorris, were generous supporters of RIT as it grew in expertise in this important field. Upon his death in 1968, Mr. Carlson left $2.1 million to RIT for which the Institute named the Carlson building within the College of Science. The Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science was later named in recognition of the family’s gifts. Like the Clarkes and the Gleasons, this relationship has become multigenerational as daughter Catherine B. Carlson serves as honorary RIT trustee and continues the family tradition of support.

RIT continues to evolve and must create and respond to new opportunities with unprecedented speed. Fortunately, RIT has hundreds of special friends who provide much needed resources that enable the Institute to launch cutting-edge initiatives. Among these friends are Thomas H. and Georgina Gossell. Their generosity includes a challenge grant that resulted in the Gossell Science Building addition, the establishment of 10 scholarships and a professorship. Similarly, Lucius R. and Marie Gordon have made extraordinary efforts on behalf of RIT students. Building upon years of support, their recent gift has fueled First in Class, the Institute’s bold initiative to partner with industry and government in strategic areas for the 21st century.

RIT is grateful for the continued support of friends who enable it to pursue new dreams. It is through these friendships that RIT will achieve even greater goals in the future.
Gallery

Gathering places

Recent renovations on campus have created a variety of informal gathering spots where students can huddle. Seats in the new Erde Commons in the remodeled Geason Building are much in demand, and the Bruce and Nora James Atrium in the Gossel Building is another popular place for students to congregate.

Opened in January 2001, the Crossroads Building on the west side of campus was designed to be an inviting environment where students can find a selection of favorite foods and cozy up in an overstuffed arm chair.

Staff photographer A. Sue Weisker ’93 shows how students are making themselves at home in these new spaces.
Self-Propelled
RIT alumni talk about the challenges and rewards of building their own businesses

Making decisions for yourself, reaping the rewards of your own efforts, getting the glory when things go well, taking the blame when things go awry — building a business can be exhilarating.

It's not easy, and it's not for everyone. "But once you taste that freedom, you don't want to go back to working for someone," says J. Anthony Askew '85, owner of James Anthony Askew Capital Management in Albany.

"There's something in the mind — in the make-up, of some people that makes them seek more than a career," says James Froehler '79, chairman of People's Pottery Inc.

"Being an entrepreneur is all about the word 'vision,' seeing into the future," says Andrew Baker '79, founder of Contact Lenses Online.

It should come as no surprise that many RIT graduates number among America's 13 million entrepreneurs. "An RIT education is intended to develop the traits characteristic of entrepreneurs, including courage, confidence and creativity," says RIT Provost Stanley McKenzie. "Our students acquire the technical training and leadership skills necessary to turn a good idea into a business opportunity."

We checked in with some RIT grads who did just that. Here are their stories:

James Froehler '79

When Jim and Carla Froehler bought People's Pottery Inc. in 1996, the business had two stores. At the end of 2000, there were 73 stores and no end in sight. The launch of the company's first store in Hawaii in December 2000 opened a whole new world: From there, a jump to Japan, Hong Kong, Singapore and even Australia is possible.

"We believe that's just the start for us in the Pacific Rim," says Jim Froehler. The husband-and-wife team learned retailing through years of work with important retailers including Hickory Farms of Ohio, Borders Books & Music, and others. When People's Pottery caught their attention, their research persuaded them that upscale stores offering beautiful, hand-crafted items could be successful almost anywhere.

"We looked around the country and found mostly small 'Mom and Pop' stores and seasonal craft stores offering this kind of merchandise," Froehler says. The key to reaching a wider audience, they believed, lay in presentation and service. "We've packaged the concept, with careful attention to the way the stores look, the music, lighting — and we're probably the only retailers who display merchandise by color."

People's Pottery stores stock about 5,000 different items from more than 1,000 American arts and crafts studios. In 1999, People's Pottery was named No. 1 on the annual Rochester Top 100.

Above: With Jim and Carla Froehler at the helm, People's Pottery has grown from two stores to 73 in five years.
list of privately held companies. On that occasion, Jim and Carla Frechler presented $10,000 in company stock to RIT along with equal gifts to four other area educational institutions.

Education is important to the couple; Frechler credits professors in RIT’s College of Business with the practical, real world experience that aroused Frechler’s interest. “I was just mesmerized by that type of information,” says Frechler, who received undergraduate and graduate degrees from RIT. “It helped me find the things I was capable of achieving.”

For more information, see www.peoplepottery.com.

Bradley Fluke ’84

Brad Fluke was the fifth employee of Silicon Laboratories when he was hired as vice president of marketing in May 1997. Today, the Austin, Texas, semiconductor manufacturer is a public held company with 250 employees in three divisions and annual sales of more than $100 million.

The company was founded in 1996 by three “brilliant engineering types” who left another semiconductor company, Silicon’s first product was the DAX silicon (direct access arrangement), a computer chip-set that could replace a computer modem subassembly; traditionally made up of numerous discrete components. Since that first product, Silicon Labs has introduced a number of innovative semiconductor products that serve wireline, wireless, and optical networking applications.

“The success of the company and its products has been very exciting,” says Fluke, an RIT electrical engineering grad who is vice president and general manager of the company’s wireline products division, in charge of more than 50 people. Interestingly enough, the company’s nine-member executive staff three are RIT electrical engineering alumni: Gary Gay ’73, VP of sales; Jim Temptlon ’86 head of the optical networking division, and Fluke.

“The electrical engineering program at RIT is very demanding,” comments Fluke. “I know I found it tough. Certainly, RIT gave me a solid technical foundation, and more than anything, taught me to work hard and not give up on my goals.”

For more information, see www.silicon-labs.com.

Andrew Baker ’79

Back in 1994, when most people had barely heard of the Internet, Andrew Baker came up with the idea of selling contact lenses online.

“It was the information dirt road at that time,” recalls the Peabody, Mass., optometrist. But Baker had patients and friends working in the Boston-area’s thriving high-tech industry, and he had a vision of things to come.

His venture, Contact Lenses Online, was immediately successful, with gross sales doubling every year. A large percentage of sales were to overseas customers. But Baker realized that sooner or later, competition would make the business less profitable. In 1999, with four companies offering to buy the business, he decided it was time to move on.

Massachusetts optometrist Andrew Baker started a business that was the first company to sell contact lenses online.

He ultimately accepted an offer from a Utah company, 1-800 CONTACTS.

Baker, who credits his education at RIT’s College of Science and National Technical Institute for the Deaf with providing the tools “to develop a scientific mind and a business mind,” expects to launch another business in the near future. Meanwhile, he enjoys counseling others in business matters.

“I do not suggest that anybody can be an entrepreneur,” he says. “Many people have good ideas. It’s another thing to make them become reality. A true entrepreneur is able to recognize a need in an area where demand exceeds supply and set up a structure to meet the demand.”

Anthony Askew ’85

“I’m not fighting cigars with $100 bills, but I’m happy with my progress,” says Anthony Askew, who founded the Albany, N.Y., based James Anthony Askew Capital Management in 1996. Askew, who has a B.S. in business administration from RIT, has been interested in the stock market since high school, and operated an ice cream vending business during his years at RIT. He spent a decade working for one of the top brokerage firms before starting his firm “with a laptop, an orange crate and an old oak desk.” Today, he has three employees and a growing client base.

He jokes that he “works half days — just 12 hours.” And sometimes he’s in his office round the clock. But Askew loves what he’s doing. As an employee of a big firm, he had to bring in new customers to meet quotas. On his own, he works with individuals and small businesses he gets to know personally.

“There’s more to success than the amount of money you get out of it,” he says. “I’ve learned a lot about the industry — and about myself. Sometimes I just can’t get out of bed fast enough.”
Shari Shifrin invented an organic, non-toxic textile ink that is used in her T-shirt printing business.

**Shari Shifrin ’85**

"To tell the truth," says School of Art graduate Shari Shifrin, "I was never really interested in owning a business... but when I worked for others, I realized I knew more about the business than anyone else. I realized the value of the education I got at RIT. I learned about art but also the management side.

Twelve years ago she became co-owner of the company now known as Planet Ink Inc. in North Fort Myers, Fla. They produce organic cotton T-shirts printed with a patented botanical ink formula invented by Shifrin. Customers include many environmental groups.

The development of the organic ink came out of a concern that inks used to print 90 percent of T-shirts contain toxic chemicals. "I've been a textile screen printer for 17 years," says Shifrin. "When my son was born in 1993 with minor birth defects, I began researching the effects of plasticized inks on screen printers. In 1991 I developed and patented a botanical, all-natural, water-based textile ink."

"A lot of what I came up with was founded right there at RIT," says Shifrin. "One of my professors, Donald Buziowski, was very concerned about toxins in ink and always insisted we wear gloves.

"But when I called him years later when I was working on the formula, he was really helpful." Today, Shifrin says, many people appreciate the value of Planet Ink’s Earth-friendly approach. "When you go into business, you need to think about the customers and suppliers you’ll be dealing with," says Shifrin. "I love being involved with people in the environmental groups."

For more information, see www.planet-ink.com.

**Jin Rivas ’85**

When SYSCO Foodservice invites customers to a trade show, the sales reps expect to take tons of orders. School of Printing Management and Sciences alumnus Jin Rivas has found a niche providing turnkey services including promotional printing, catalogs, and ordering documents to companies sponsoring trade shows. Additionally, his company provides software and expertise for attendee registration and on-site document processing to provide customers with instant answers, enabling them to concentrate more on their core business.

Showmaster Systems, a division of Rivas’ New Orleans-based company, Demand Publishing Inc., now has 33 full-time employees working all over the country. Rivas joined his family’s business in 1987. However, desktop publishing had a disastrous impact on the business forms industry and he closed the company in 1993. The enterprising RIT graduate began putting his printing expertise to use in a new area. The first customers for the trade-show service were former customers of the old business. "A lot of people in the early days thought I was crazy," says Rivas. "They didn’t think big companies would outsource this work.

"The strong focus on customer service drives the business. "When they’re doing a trade show, it’s their big day in the sun," says Rivas. "We make sure they look good and have the tools to be more successful at their core business."

For more information, see www.showmaster.com.

**Susan Holliday ’85**

Susan Holliday’s first challenge when she bought the Rochester Business Journal in 1988 was to reassure the 23 employees that the publication would stay in business.

The bigger issue was turning RBJ into a viable, visible and respected voice in the
Enterprising characters

Stereotypes are dangerous, but it's fair to say that entrepreneurs tend to have certain characteristics in common.

I do think that entrepreneurs are distinctive in certain ways," says Robert Barbato, associate professor, College of Business, and an expert on the subject.

Entrepreneurs are willing to take risks. "They're not gamblers," Barbato says, "but they aren't afraid to leave the safe path for the unknown possibility."

Entrepreneurs are tenacious. "You've got to be willing and able to do whatever it takes," says Rich Whitman, partner in Whitman Lane Associates consulting firm. "When you're on your own, your efforts are directly responsible for your paycheck."

Entrepreneurs like to see things grow. "There's nothing like the feeling that you can make a difference, that you're part of bringing a new product to the market and that you can help make that product successful," says Brad Finkle, vice president and general manager of line products division, Silicon Laboratories.

Entrepreneurs are achievers. "Everyone who works here can see the results of what we do every week. That's rewarding," says Susan Hollis, '85, president and publisher, Rochester Business Journal.

The image of an entrepreneur as a maverick or rebel who can't take orders is a myth, says Barbato. "People used to think that. I don't think that view has any merit in this day and age."

Roch Whitman '81, '86 and Brian Lane '80, '85

You're a great cook and you want to open a restaurant. What's the first thing you do?

Call Whitman Lane Associates. Founded 10 years ago by two friends who met at RIT, the company advises restaurants, institutional food services, hotels and corporations on a range of business issues.

"We've done a lot of start-ups," says Rich Whitman, who lives in Rochester. His partner, Brian Lane, lives in Cornish, New Hampshire. Both received B.S. and M.B.A. degrees at RIT and both worked at hotels, restaurants and resorts before combining forces. Whitman also has experience working with a nonprofit organization in public relations and development.

Whitman Lane is allied with Yui & Blach Design Inc., a Manhattan architectural firm. "We can offer turnkey service," says Whitman. "We can do virtually everything, from design right through opening day."

The firm's strengths, he believes, are in financial planning and management. Among their projects: They've been working with a superstar chef who plans to open two restaurants in New York City in 2001, and last year they helped open the Firehouse Restaurant and Brewing Co. in Illinois, a concept restaurant destined to become a chain.

Their RIT experience lay a firm foundation for what they're doing today. "I learned so much at RIT and I use what I learned," says Whitman. "The practicality of this program is what makes it so good."

For more on the company, see www.whitmanlane.com.

Richard Morris '83

Since Richard Morris founded Real World Success in 1995, the company has delivered motivational training and custom workshops to Fortune 500 companies, including AT&T, Hewlett-Packard, Lutron Technologies, and Coors Brewing Co., as well as small businesses, non-profit agencies and schools across the country.

The company offers training programs on communication, negotiation, teamwork, time management, positive attitude and other performance-related topics. In 1999, Real World Success added a speakers bureau of more than 15 experts.

"When I first started Real World Success, my dedication was to help deaf and hard-of-hearing professionals achieve success in their endeavors," says Morris. "I was a computer science student at RIT and both worked at hotels, restaurants and resorts before combining forces. Whitman also has experience working with a nonprofit organization in public relations and development."

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Looking up
Astronomical efforts open new worlds for RIT

Astronomers are seeing stars on their desktops, thanks to the efforts of RIT imaging scientists.

"RIT's expertise in the broad area of information technology is a key component of the research that is being done in the astronomy community today," says Ian Gatley, director of the Chestor F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science. "Our part in the process is to develop integrated information systems to gather, process and distribute the data to other astronomers, so they can concentrate on the interpretation of the information."

Historically, astronomers had to travel to remote, often harsh, locations to get a good view of the sky. Captain James Cook's first voyage was initiated in 1768 when the British government sent him to the South Pacific to observe the transit of Venus. In 1833, John Herschel traveled to South Africa with a 20-foot refractor telescope and began ground-breaking observations of Halley's Comet.

Similarly, Gatley's career as an astronomer took him far from his native England. He was astronomer and senior principal scientific officer at United Kingdom Infrared Telescope in Hilo, Hawaii, from 1974 to 1996, and spent the following 11 years at the National Optical Astronomy Observatories in Arizona.

"A lot of my thinking comes from my former life," says Gatley. "The South Pole, for example, is an excellent place for a telescope, but I don't want to work there. I'm concerned with how we could make it easier for more people to use these facilities and to be better able to gather and distribute important information."

In 1998, Gatley brought RIT into the development of a data network for an

Above: A visual-wavelength image of nebula NGC 7027 taken from the Hubble Space Telescope. At the core of this nebula is a dying star that is heating and illuminating its ejected material with intense ultraviolet radiation.
infrared telescope at the Center for Astrophysical Research in Antarctica (CARA). A multi-disciplinary team of students, faculty and staff created software to complete images captured by the telescope and crafted a system to distribute the information via the Internet to selected astronomers at 15 universities across the United States.

The resulting "AstroPipeline" operated continuously — and successfully — throughout the long polar night, setting the stage for RIT to take on other projects of this type.

"We learned a lot during the two years we supported that experiment in 'relentless astronomy,' " says Gatley, who calls the project a "pioneering in knowledge networking" involving teams of people at many locations each contributing specific expertise toward a complex goal. "Our team was aware of the time that something very good was happening."

Now, the Center for Imaging Science is working with the Universities Space Research Association on the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy, or SOFIA, which is being built by NASA. The world's largest airborne observatory, SOFIA will feature an 110-foot infrared telescope mounted in a modified Boeing 747SP aircraft. RIT's task is to produce a very flexible system that will interface with a variety of clients — the instruments, the aircraft, the scientists, the SOFIA personnel, and several peripheral elements of the DCS, such as the data archive (being developed at UCL.

"The current design from RIT is impressive in its scope, and should remain effective throughout the anticipated 25-year lifetime of the observatory," Morris says.

Although SOFIA's airplane and the telescope aren't completed, RIT's part of the project has been built, tested, and presented to a review team from the Universities Space Research Association. "They got terrifically excited," says Gatley. "They applauded."

"It went really well," agrees SOFIA team member Joel Kastner, associate professor of astronomical imaging and spectroscopy.

Other projects in the works include a proposal to build a similar information pipeline for the next generation infrared instrument at the South Pole, in cooperation with Boston University. If the project receives funding, RIT would help produce digital maps of the southern sky over a broad range of infrared wavelengths. The National Science Foundation is considering that proposal.

"It would open up a whole new window," notes Kastner. Before coming to RIT in 1999, he spent six years as a staff member at the Chandra X-Ray Center at MIT, and he continues his research involving young stars and planet formation. In March 2000, a team of astronomers led by Kastner made an important discovery: a "hot bubble" of gas surrounding a dying star.

He was able to "see" the bubble from the computer in his office, "All I had to do was log onto a Website and the information was in my hands," he says. Also significant: He's able to view X-ray images from Chandra as well as infrared images of the same bubble, or, ultimately, images made at other wavelengths — all from his RIT desktop.

Some observatories, especially space-based observatories like Chandra, are moving in the direction of more and better access to fully processed, calibrated data in easy-to-use archives, using more powerful access tools. And now there is an organized effort within the astronomy community to expand this approach. Last June, the National Academy of Science recommended establishment of a National Virtual Observatory.

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was a competitive bid to develop an expanded data cycle system (DCS) for SOFIA.

"When Ian Gatley proposed the DCS to the SOFIA team, they, and their NASA sponsors realized just how important it was, and that it was missing from the original plan for SOFIA," says Mark Morris, professor of physics and astronomy at the University of California at Los Angeles and advisor to the chief scientist for SOFIA. "As a consequence, a multi-institutional effort was set in motion, design and create the DCS. RIT took on the largest role, designing and fabricating the architecture of the core of the system into which all other efforts are to fit. The DCS consists of very modern software, so
This is a wonderful opportunity for RIT, Galley believes. “It fits so well with what we do, in imaging science and in information technology. And our involvement is an excellent First in Class (FIC) effort, leading to bigger and even more exciting possibilities for partnering with other institutions and agencies.” (See Spring 2000 issue of The University Magazine for more information on First in Class.)

Don Boyd, associate provost and director of First in Class, adds that the university has determined that information technology is a fundamental integrating technology for many of the FIC programs. RIT’s experience developing information systems for astronomers has applications in many other areas of research. One is remote sensing. For example, RIT’s imaging scientists are working on NASA-sponsored research to investigate the technical feasibility of detecting wildfires from a satellite, a project that requires the development of system specifications, simulations of wildfires as seen by a satellite sensor system and performance predictions (see “On Campus,” page 3 for more on this project.)

Genomics could be another area of involvement for RIT. The FIC team has developed an overarching infrastructure called the IT Collaboratory to promote and support interdisciplinary research and development among the FIC programs where IT is the basic building block for integration and collaboration. “Looking ahead, our focus will be in the area of integrated remote systems, which involves the design and integration of next-generation information technology applications that capture, process and transmit remotely sensed data,” Boyd says.

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Astronomers Joel Kastner, associate professor (left), and Ian Galley, director of the Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science, helped forge RIT’s new links to the world’s astronomy community. At left, three images of planetary nebula BD+30 3659. For left, an image from Hubble Space Telescope, center, an infrared image of the nebula. Right, an X-ray image showing a hot bubble of gas discovered last year by a team led by Kastner.
Learning and earning

Campus jobs are rewarding for students and for RIT

RIT exists for the students. It can also be said that RIT exists because of the students. Some 5,000 students have job on campus, and their efforts help keep RIT running.

"If it weren't for our students, many departments wouldn't be able to function," states Joanna Szczerba, student employment administrator. "We really depend on our students, and they are wonderful."

Her words reverberate around campus. "Basically, we can't operate our food service without them," says James Bingham, director of an operation with more than 600 student employees.

"They're essential," states Roberta DeNoto, administrative director of Margaret's House, the on-campus daycare center.

Campus jobs have a couple of distinct advantages over employment on the outside. The location is convenient, certainly. Bosses have an understanding of students' complex schedules and are willing to be flexible.

And while the need for cash may send students in search of employment, they often get more than a paycheck out of their campus jobs.

Ashley Edwards, a fourth-year student majoring in film and animation, is a production assistant in the Instructional Television Department at National Technical Institute for the Deaf. Her duties include editing video using some very sophisticated equipment, helping produce instructional videos.

"I've stayed with it because I'm learning so much," she says. "I've been able to work with clients, and never did I think I would do that in college."

Julian Olivari juggles three jobs. A fourth-year professional photography illustration major, he works as a slide librarian for University Publications, on the loss prevention desk at Campus Connections book store, and at the imaging systems management lab in the School of Photographic Arts and Sciences.

The publications job gives him experience working with designers and writers, the Campus Connections work entitles him to a discount on photographic supplies, and working in the lab allows him access to facilities on his own time.

"My future interests include art direction, working for magazines," says Olivari. "I've had hands-on experience that gives me an edge. Plus, working helps me because my major is so expensive."

Olivari's hard work also helped him secure an alumni-supported award for an independent project, "Mapping Male Fashion."

Senior Katie Fennessey is studying nutrition — and driving a Zamboni on the side. A member of the women's hockey team, she's worked at the ice rink since freshman year.

"It's a big responsibility," says her boss, ice arena supervisor Stuart Hughes. The

"We couldn't get along without them," agrees Lisa Monette, assistant director of admissions.

The student employment office lists an astonishing variety of jobs: shuttle bus driver, tour guide, Zamboni operator, food service worker, receptionist, parking monitor, engineer's helper, computer assistant, sales clerk, tutor, rock climbing leader, lifeguard, costume shop assistant, camcorder operator, graphic design artist, artists' model, hearing aid technician, greenhouse attendant, research assistant, lab technician, television production assistant, music restorer, Web page programmer, recycling coordinator. Pay ranges from minimum wage to as much as $20 per hour for highly skilled jobs.

Zamboni is a $6,200 machine and a good ice surface is worth a lot to the skaters.

"I love it," says Fennessey. "Compared to sitting in an office, this is awesome."

Denise Robinson is a second-year management information systems major, made her way to the catering office soon after arriving at RIT. Friends worked there, and she thought she'd like it, too.

As a student manager, she's been in charge of the catering staff at events including a reception for Colin Powell, Board of Trustees meetings, and special dinners for as many as 150 people at President Simone's home.

"It's a lot of fun," she says. "I get to meet important people, and I like the idea that student managers have a lot of
control. You develop business, management, communications, leadership and organizational skills.

"I study a lot," Robinson says, "and this job gives me a lot of flexibility."

As an only child, Christian Gray didn't have much experience with children when he started working at Margaret's House. He discovered he loves the work.

"I come here and I play," he says. "How can I get any better than that?"

Gray is a new-media major and someday hopes to make special effects for movies. As it turns out, working in a day-care center may be good background.

"Some of the things kids come up with are so amazing," he says. "Being around them helps recapture your childhood creativity."

Ryan Crocker spent last summer and fall working for Motorola on his second co-op for the company. But as soon as the fifth-year mechanical engineering student got back to RIT, he started leading tours for the admissions office — a job he's had since sophomore year. Of about 35 students who serve as tour guides, Crocker does the most.

"RIT has been great for me," he says. "It's very easy for me to be upbeat when I talk to visitors. I can draw from my own experience."

Dan Barry has worked his way up to student coordinator in the parking and transportation division of the campus safety department. That means he's responsible for making sure the campus escort shuttles and mobility-impaired vehicle service shifts are staffed, scheduling a staff of 13. He wears a pager and gets beeped when he's needed — and that can happen any time.

Barry, a fifth-year filmmaking and video major, likes the idea that he's providing a needed service.

"You feel good picking up someone in the cold at 3 a.m.,” he says.

RIT is a 24/7 operation, so students work anytime, any day. Students can work up to 20 hours a week at their campus jobs — which seems a daunting amount of time for a student juggling a typical load of classes and homework.

No wonder RIT students have earned a reputation for being hard workers.

"It seems hard," says Julian Olivari, "but it's really just about time management. It's what I have to do to stay at RIT, and without a degree, nothing I want to do will be possible."
Alumni Activities

To stay informed about alumni events in your area — or to get involved — contact the Office of Alumni Relations by phone: (716) 475-2586, or browse the Web connection, www.rit.edu/oa/al.

Albany
On November 9, alumni from the Albany area gathered at the Hyde Collection Art Museum for a private tour of the museum which includes more than 2,000 works of art and features such artists as Picasso, Renoir and van Gogh. Following the tour was a reception for alumni to network and socialize. Please contact Julie Goodell (jrguar@rit.edu or 716-475-7638) in the Office of Alumni Relations if interested in coordinating an alumni event in this area.

Atlanta
Thank you to Daniel Campagna, Jr., ’82, for agreeing to lead the Atlanta Chapter! Dan has many exciting ideas about upcoming events. Please contact Dan at (770) 924-9246 if you would like to join him in the planning.

Boston
More than 70 alumni and their guests gathered at Boston’s hot spot 711 Boylston in September for a time of socializing and networking. The “crew” gathered together again a few weeks later to cheer on the RIT crew team competing in the Head of the Charles.

In January, the Boston Alumni Chapter sponsored an evening of ice skating on the historic Frog Pond in downtown Boston. Alumni who participated donated warm hats, gloves and socks for those in need during the winter season. After ice-skating, alumni headed over to “Cheers” to enjoy a time of socializing.

The Boston Bruins were the recipients of RIT alumni cheers at the Bruins/Ottawa game on March 8.

This active chapter has many more events planned for 2001 including a trip to Fenway Park to see the Red Sox take on the Yankees! A special thank you to extended to chapter leaders Mary Jo Savino ’80, Scott Rill ’97 and Stephanie Murphy ’98 for their diligent work to make this chapter so successful! For more information, please contact Scott Rill ’97 at (617) 304-7944.

Class Notes

Business
Mary Ferguson House ’82 has retired from Canonsburg Foundation and as Director of Development for SUNY Canton.
Mary Scharf Newsum ’64 is owner of Julie Robinson Design, Oak Bluff, Mass.
Susan Quistot Squires ’68 is an accountant in the Biology Department of Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colo.
John Armenia ’70 is senior vice president for Bank of America, Alpharetta, Ga.
Linda Carvalho Kunst ’70 is an administrative assistant for Monroe Community College, Rochester.
John MacDonald ’70 is president of J.C. MacDonald Interests, Inc., Winooski, Vt.
Frederick Test ’71 is president of Filter Bello Inc., Winthrop, Mass.
Paul Gard ’71 is a certified public accountant for Schiffer, Bernard & Mans, LLP, Rochester.
Ralph Hinchcliffe ’71 is a consulting partner for Rehnert & Co., LLP, Rochester.
Mary Gillespie ’72 received a master’s degree in business administration from Duquesne University.
Kathleen Nitti ’74 is director of special film for Franklin Corp., Eden, N.J.
Stephen Golick ’75 is a communications officer for the City of Monroe, Rochester.
Peter McKenna ’75 is vice president and treasurer of Louwrie Industries, Inc., Hauppauge, N.Y.
Paul Sikker ’75 is president of sales for Ross Eco Store Recyclers, Wickford, R.I.
Joy Levine ’76 is a partner with Frost & Young LLP, Dallas, Texas.
Paul Levine ’76 is vice president of sales for Commercial Coll. Corp., Buffalo, N.Y.
Edith Dyck Ennis ‘72 is manager of CP&L, Service Co., Raleigh, N.C.
Alumni Activities

Buffalo
Tom Stumpf ’89 organized an event on March 23 that included both the Rochester and Buffalo Chapters. Western New York alumni met at the Pearl Street Grill to socialize and later enjoyed a fast-paced lacrosse game featuring the Rochester Redhawks and the Buffalo Bandits. If you would like to get involved, contact Stumpf at (716) 468-7914.

Chicago
If you are interested in hosting an alumni event in the Chicago area, please contact Julie Goodsell at jgsarze@rit.edu or (716) 475-7638 in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Cleveland
The Office of Alumni Relations is interested in coordinating an event in this area for alumni. If you have ideas for an activity or would like to help in the planning, please contact Julie Goodsell at jgsarze@rit.edu or (716) 475-7638 in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Florida Central
We currently are looking for chapter leadership in the Orlando area. Please consider this opportunity to reconnect with other RIT alumni in your area. For more information on how to get involved, contact Ashley Eckman at awarr@rit.edu or (716) 475-7416.

Florida South
A number of alumni in the South Florida area are excited about starting an alumni chapter. Patrick Stiff, ’92, will be coordinating their efforts through email communication. If you would like to join them in planning a Boca Raton networking social, please contact him at patrick@benchmarkstrategies.com or (561) 585-9448.

Los Angeles
Eric Senra, ’91, has been a long-time volunteer for the Los Angeles chapter. Currently, plans for a LA Kings hockey game are being finalized. To help with the coordination of future events, contact Eric at (805) 645-3978.

New York City
On Sept. 17, more than 100 alumni in the New York City area attended a Yankees game. For 2001, the New York City Alumni Chapter is planning events including a trip to the Museum of Modern Art. Keep an eye out for information on this opportunity and others in your mailbox and on the Web site. For more information on the chapter, please contact Beth Subsantis at (212) 253-5593.

Phoenix
Thanks to Stacy Kalisz ’96, alumni in the Phoenix area have had the opportunity to attend many regional activities. Most recently, on Feb. 27, alumni gathered to share both their RIT and professional experiences at Chuy's Mesquite Broiler in Tempe, AZ. Other future activities include a community service opportunity and, back by popular demand, a financial seminar. Shelly Steckerl ’94 was instrumental in helping design a Phoenix Chapter banner to display at events; watch for it at the next gathering. For information on how to get involved with this energetic group, contact Stacy at stacy@rit-phoenix.com or (480) 545-8246.
Alumni Activities

Pittsburgh
The Office of Alumni Relations is interested in coordinating an event in this area for alumni. If you have ideas for an activity or would like to help in the planning, please contact Julie Goodsell at jgsnar@rit.edu or (716) 475-7638 in the Office of Alumni Relations.

Philadelphia
On March 11, alumni watched the Philadelphia Phantoms take on the Norfolk Admirals. There was a pre-gathering at Bullies at which alumni were able to connect. For more information on the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter, please contact Ariva Dubcov ‘91 at (215) 328-9737.

Raleigh-Durham
Jeff Benck ‘88 coordinates events for the Raleigh-Durham chapter. If you have recommendations for future events, please contact Jeff at (919) 847-3791.

Rochester
Thank you to the Rochester Chapter volunteers who helped at the Hospitality Tent for the Stonehurst Capital Regatta on Oct. 15. Nearly 1,200 alumni and guests were in attendance. In addition, on Dec. 2, volunteers were critical in the effort to light the Liberty Pole in downtown Rochester for the Big Shot 2000. RIT appreciates your donation of time and energy.

On Jan. 19, more than 125 alumni and friends rang in the New Year by attending Tiger Sports Night. This annual event, hosted by Ken Reed ’71 and Ted Stolarczyk ’64, celebrated RIT student athletes. All in one evening, alumni had the opportunity to watch RIT hockey, basketball and swimming.

Other events scheduled for 2001 include “Alums at the Mall” (June 8), Rhinos Soccer (July), Rochester Red Wings Baseball (Aug. 18), Beek City Festival (Oct. 12-14), and a young alumni wine tasting event at Casa Larga Vineyards (Nov. 13).

If you are interested in participating in the Rochester Chapter Leadership meetings, please contact Ashley Eckman at aawrn@rit.edu or (716) 475-7416.

San Diego
The Office of Alumni Relations is interested in planning an event in the San Diego area this spring. If you are interested in helping coordinate this effort, please contact Ashley Eckman at aawrn@rit.edu or (716) 475-7416.

San Francisco
Plans are underway for a San Francisco event! Thank you to Michele Conklit ’84 and Tonja Moss ’91 for spearheading this effort to reconnect alumni in the Bay area.

Seattle
Michael Woods ’92 led a dedicated group of alumni and guests in cheering for the Seattle Seahawks versus the Buffalo Bills on a chilly, wet Dec 23. For more information on chapter activities, watch the Alumni Relations Web site or contact Mike at (206) 521-6629.

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Jesse Lane ’90 is a senior client partner for Xpedient Corp., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Julie Schrader ’90 is a financial analyst for IBM, Saratoga, N.Y.

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Michael Cossaron ’91 is vice president of marketing for ICONIX, Inc., New York.

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Michael Nand ’91 is a network administrator for William Morris Agency, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Michael Sinder ’92 is an manager and agency representative for the Noise Source, Venture Center, Burlington, Va.

Scott Cask ’91 is a lead technology consultant for Sean, Rochester and Co., Hoffman Estate, Ill.

Vandecus Chesser ’93 is a facilities manager coordinator for RIT, Rochester.

Elizabeth Furner ’91 is director of marketing & public relations for Regional Transit Service, Rochester.

Michael Han ‘91 is a manager of e-commerce for Chase Equipment Leasing Inc., Rochester.

Robert Wagner ‘91 is a vice president and general manager of creative services for Xerox Corp., Buffalo, N.Y.

Sharon Grundy Freyman ’94 is an application developer for University of Buffalo.

Christopher Holmier ’94 is a telecommunications engineer for AT&T in Bryn Mawr, Pa.
Alumni Activities

Syracuse

On Nov. 18, nearly 100 alumni and guests attended a pre-game reception at the Sheraton University Hotel before walking together to the Carrier Dome to watch college football. On Feb. 10, faithful fans enjoyed an Italian luncheon together and later supported their local Orangemen basketball team. For information about future events, contact Michael Sciolone at (315) 452-0832.

Texas – Austin, Dallas, and San Antonio

The Texas alumni chapters contributed greatly to the success of Big Shot 2001 at the Alma on March 10. A very special thank you is extended to Scott Saltingham ’81 who coordinated the location site and many of the activities throughout the weekend. This wonderful weekend would not have been possible without his help.

Washington, D.C.

In January, a group of Washington, D.C., area alumni spent an evening at 1/2 Academie De Cuisine learning to prepare French cuisine and select accompanying wines. Due to the overwhelming response to this event, look for it to be held again in the near future! For more information on this chapter, please contact Vicki Beck ’94 at (703) 971-4217.

A dinner cruise along the Potomac River on the Odyssey Cruise ship is being planned for July 12, 2001. Details to come.

Alumni Admissions Network

Thank you to all our alumni who participated this past fall in admission receptions to encourage high school students to attend RIT. We appreciate the time you took from your busy schedules to share your RIT memories and experiences with prospective students and their parents.

If you would like to become involved in the Alumni Admissions Network, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (716) 445-4543.

Minority Alumni Advisory Committee (MAAC)

On Jan. 11, MAAC held their annual scholarship reception. Congratulations to the following scholarship recipients: Thuy Vu, business management; Victor Silva, management information systems; Adam Goulden, microelectronic engineering; Michael Holland, computer science; Myungji Chut, computer engineering technology; Brenda Meve, electrical engineering technology; Kevin Lee, computer science; Jin Song, applied mathematics; Reina Smith, information technology; and Jacellie Jacque, psychology.

The MAAC Career Fair was held on March 24. Many companies participated providing students and alumni the opportunity to learn about a number of exciting career possibilities.

Thank you to the continuous efforts of Devon Christopher ’93, Morique Wiley–Wright ’93, and James Manning ’70 to the MAAC organization. Your contribution to the group is greatly appreciated.

Washington, D.C., area alumni headed back to the classroom for a cooking workshop.
Cerel Ultree '98 is manager of health administration for the Monterey County (Calif.) Health Department, Salinas, Calif.

Cynthia Byer '99 is a compensation insurance advisor for Hixson Insurance, Syracuse, N.Y.

Laura Enders '99 is a network support representative for the County of Monroe, Rochester, N.Y.

Kimberly Luzzi '99 is director of business process & audit for RIT, Rochester.

Raymond Dephin '00 is a contract operations associate for McNeil Consumer Healthcare (NJ), Parsippany, N.J.

Shawn Hunt '00 is a technology analyst for Anderson Consulting, Wellesley, Mass.

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Gaelano Montalbano '76 is managing director for Vertex Interactive Kobe, Ltd., Denver, Colo.

Charles Sawyer '76 is a manufacturing engineer for Lead Corp., Tiffin, Ohio.

Jon Woodhouse '76 is a manufacturing engineer for LexiCorp, Chantilly, Va.

Richard Hardman '78 is chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering Technology for Alfred State College, Alfred, N.Y.

Jean Caldwell-Passarella '78 is a financial management specialist for EDS, Alpharetta, Ga.

Daniel Backesweg '79 is a vice president for Anteon Corp., Rockville, Md.

Ronald Molinnari '79 is vice president for Salmon, Smith Barney, New York.

Laura Kane '82 is an associate computer programmer and analyst for the New York State Department of Civil Service, Albany, N.Y.

Russell Roebuck '82 is a software consultant for Xerox Corp., Webster, N.Y.

Dana Rosner '82 is a programming engineer for Neurotrack, Cambridge, Mass.

Regina Janda '83 is a senior software engineer for Sentiotics, Inc., Rochester.

David Bow '84 is an engineer for IBM, Rochester, N.Y.

Joseph Morello '84 is a principal engineer for Boeing Co., St. Louis, Mo.

William Broun '84 is a control systems design engineer for Fyson Foods, Inc., Springfield, Mass.

Richard Hillman '84 is a senior estimator for Poder Enterprises, Middletown, N.J.

Kevin McDonough '84 is a packaging engineer for Rohm & Haas Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

David Nelson '84 is an engineer for United Space Alliance, Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Andrew Foster '84 is a production manager for Primrose Labels, Farmington, Mich.

Frederick Schuler '84 is a software engineer for Perpetual, Plymouth, Minn.

Thomas Adams '85 is a data communications specialist for Empire State Plan, Albany, N.Y.

Edward Baxter '85 is a principal software engineer for Tensil, Communications, Littleton, Mass.

Gregory Blodgett '85 is a software development manager for InTouch, East Orange, N.J.

Gary Jonson '85 is a software engineer for Computer Associates, San Jose, Calif.

David Nelson '85 is a project engineer for Federal Express, Memphis, Tenn.

Charles Smith '85 is a manager for Xerox Corp., Rochester, N.Y.

Lorence White '85 is a product development and packaging engineer for Rexan Medical Packaging, Madison, Wis.

Eric Bischop '87 is an assistant general manager for Ellicott, Brewster, N.Y.

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Arne Dang '87 is an electrical engineer for Phillips-Van Heusen, Bridgewater, N.J.

Suzanne Elyayes '87 is an associate professor of English as a second language and foreign language for Monroe Community College, Rochester.

Mark McCormack '87 is a senior systems analyst for Sterling Price, East Aurora, N.Y.

Robert Plankenhorn '87 is a software designer and developer for Transmission Products Group, Rochester.

David Zink '87 is a senior project manager for Darseville, Beloit, Iowa.

Terry Abbott '88 is a network management specialist and designer for Southwest Cable Companies, Rochester.

Sean Cunningham '88 is vice president of Systems Development for Compuware, San Francisco, Calif.

Dick drive. Many of the members of the first DII Ultimate Frisbee Alumni Team began playing as undergraduates in 1994. Pictured here from left are: front row - Daeil Kim '99, Lisa Reeves '97, team organizer Tim Webber '97, Roger Bennett '97, Scott R. Vavala '95, Chris Kamber '94, John "Skip" Newell '91, Eric Webber '91; back row - Seth Singer '90, Brian Shull '90, Dave Lindsey '93, Todd Hess '96, faculty advisor David Reumann. For more information about the team or the fast-paced, rapidly growing sport, call Tim Webber at (716) 473-1460.

David Bradley '86 is a consultant to the state of Tennessee for Siemens Energy & Automation, Pittsburg, Pa.

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Matthew Murphy '88 is a program manager for Integration Management Services, Inc., King of Prussia, Pa.

Thomas Trew '88 is a technical staff and field representative for the Mountain View, Calif.

Charles Bredler '89 is a program manager for Yellen Financial Corp., Pittsburg, Pa.

Alain Cassida '90 is a systems engineer for United Communications Systems, Rochester.

Martin Dula '90 is a senior manager for Avionics, Rockwell, Calif.

Todd Taylor '90 is a software engineer for BAX, Inc., Danville, Calif.

Susan Kallberg Grassley '85 is vice president for Gartner Enterprises, Easton, Pa.

Steven Grassley '85 is president and owner of Grassley Automation, Bloomfield, Conn.

Christopher Ball '85 is president of ObjectMethod, Inc., Belmont, Mass.

Christian Holmes '85 is a software engineer for Dassault Systemes, Orlando, Calif.

Nancy Clarken '85 is a manager for Xerox Engineering Systems, St. Louis, Mo.

John Loriaux '85 is manager of team sports product development for Spalding Sports Worldwide, Chicopee, Mass.

Ron Seligman '85 is a certified registered nurse anesthetist for the Shook Thomas Center, University of Maryland Medical System, Md.

Steven Rabiner '85 is an information specialist manager for Electronic Data Systems, East Rochester, N.Y.

Dean Bloodget '90 is a director of advanced product development for CMGE, Andover, Mass.

John Roderick '90 is a systems analyst for FedEx, Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

Alan Clarke '90 is an engineering manager for BOC, Inc., Coal Valley, Ill.

Scott Clarke '90 is a senior software engineer for World Commerce Online, Orlando, Fla.

Lisa Lepone Laquidara '85 is a systems analyst for Nagrahn Mohawk Power Corp., Utica, N.Y.

Heather Lomax Canno '90 is a systems analyst for ENS, Rochester.

Teresa Neumann '89 is a computer scientist for the Air Force Research Laboratory, Rome, N.Y.

Doug Heitz '90 is a project leader for Lockheed Martin, Orlando, Fla.

Brian Bouwer '91 is a consultant for Lockheed Martin, Orlando, Fla.

R. Michael Johnson '90 is a systems engineer for Texas Instruments, Inc., Richardson, Texas.

Sharon Podolski '91 is a program manager for IBM, Rochester.

David Vannenburg '91 is a lead program analyst for United Parcel Service, Minooka, Ill.

Scott Sadler '91 is a leading services manager for Texas Instruments, Inc., Dallas.

Dorin Gagazoua Zeh '91 is a manager for Synopsys, Inc., Boulevards, Va.

Robert Zorich '91 is a systems designer for Excalibur Chemical Co., Marseilles, Ill.
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As RIT’s first Daniel Pasto Co-op Fellowship Award recipient, Julie Leiston did research work with Professor Andreas Langner.

“Our faculty decided that we should use Dr. Pasto’s endowed fund to create an award for undergraduate students interested in conducting research,” said Assistant Professor Massoud Ijali, who chaired the award committee. The student researcher receives $2,500, and spends one quarter working full-time on a selected project. The fellowship will be awarded to at least one student per year.

The fellowship provides an unusual opportunity for an undergraduate, who normally would not have this kind of intense, hands-on learning experience. Miri said it is especially helpful to any student planning to work toward a graduate degree and, ultimately, a career in science.

Leiston, who is from Spencerport, N.Y., worked with Professor Andreas Langner on the research project.

Leiston is a graduate of Churchville-Chili Central School, and credits her high school chemistry teacher, John Prouty, with fostering an interest in the subject. She’s a member of Alpha Chi Sigma professional chemistry fraternity and received the chemistry department’s physical chemistry and polymer chemistry awards.

She’s already logged many hours in the lab. Leiston has done research work with Professor Marjorilla Illigsworth since her freshman year, and last summer, she worked at the University of Akron conducting research with a faculty member there.

After graduation in May, Leiston plans to go on to graduate school and, ultimately, to become a professor of chemistry/polymer science.

“I’m not looking to win a Nobel prize,” she said. “I’m just looking to educate and further others’ interest in chemistry.”
This June 1969 photo of the Mechanic’s Institute Baseball Team was recently donated to RIT by Col. R.S. Hayes Jr. of Pittsford, N.Y. The players are identified by last names only. From left, back row: Harding, Stevens, Kirchner, Campbell, Hidde, Stewart, Martin, Avery. Front: Doron, Millman, Hayes, Ross, Lindner.

When planning for the future means remembering the past

Whether you knew us years ago as the Rochester Athenaeum and Mechanics Institute or today as Rochester Institute of Technology, RIT was an important part of your past. RIT helped launch your successful career and started you on a path of lifelong learning.

When you’re planning for the future, be sure to remember your past and include a charitable bequest to RIT in your estate plans. By remembering RIT in your will, you can have a great impact on our students for generations to come.

In recognition of their foresight and generosity all individuals who include RIT in their estate plans are counted as members of the Mark and Marcia Ellingson Society.

For more information about including RIT in your will or making another type of planned gift, contact Beete Rolley, assistant director of planned giving, RIT, 116 Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623, (716) 475-6566.

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Continuing Education

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A new home for Alumni Relations

The Office of Alumni Relations has moved into office space in the new Crossroads Building on campus. Our new Alumni Union will serve as a comfortable gathering place for students and graduates. While visiting, alumni can enjoy lunch in the Cafeteria and Market, which offers a wide variety of foods served at a full-service station, including Arizona iced tea, sandwiches, pizza, pasta, grilled meats, soups, and a coffee and smoothie bar.

The Alumni Union will also function as “reunion central” to thousands of alumni who return to campus to celebrate their class reunions, as well as a meeting place for Rochester College volunteers and the Alumni Network Board of Directors. This building, on the west side of campus near parking lot S and the University Commons student apartments, is unique on campus in its non-brick exterior and is comfortably furnished in contemporary decor.

As part of a new initiative, the Office of Alumni Relations will be focusing on college-based activities and events. In cooperation with the college deans, regional events, and on-campus programming specifically focused on each college, the Office will be among the variety of offerings. Students will benefit from alumni contact, through career advising and networking opportunities, giving students an edge in today’s competitive job market.

Whether you are interested in becoming a career advisor, participating in an alumni panel, presenting a workshop or helping out at a senior night, there are many opportunities available for alumni to volunteer.

We invite all alumni to come back to campus and be involved in the life of DRT and its students. You can contact the Office of Alumni Relations by e-mail at alumni@rit.edu or phone (716) 475-5308.
Join us at **Reunion 2001**

October 12–14, 2001

If you are a member of one of the following classes, we hope to see you at Reunion 2001:

- **Golden Reunion**
  - All classes in the years 1930–1949

- **50-Year Cluster**
  - Classes of 1950, 1951, and 1952

- **25-Year Cluster**
  - Classes of 1975, 1976, and 1977

- **10-Year Cluster**

- **Young Alumni**
  - All Classes in the years 1996–2001

■ Enjoy social planning?
We know that you are most excited about seeing one another. There are numerous opportunities to contact classmates, help to plan your reunion schedule and be a part of all aspects of the reunion event.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (716) 475-ALUM, or e-mail ritalum@rit.edu.

■ Check out the latest reunion info online!
Got the post tax-time blues?

April's tax-filing deadline leaves many folks wishing for more — more deductions.

Solution? An RIT Charitable Gift Annuity — it offers donors both a lifetime income and a charitable deduction.

Is exchange for a gift of cash or marketable securities, RIT will pay the donor (and a loved one, if desired) a guaranteed lifetime income and a proceeds charitable deduction as well. Annual income is based on age and ranges from a rate of 7.5 percent for 70-year-old donors, up to 10 percent for those 84 and over. For example: Stella Jackson donates $30,800 in exchange for a gift annuity. At 77 years of age, she receives a rate of 8.5 percent, with an annual annuity of $2,550. Because she donated cash, Ms. Jackson enjoys a portion of the income — $1,466 — tax free. She also receives a charitable deduction of $13,712. Ms. Jackson has directed that RIT use the proceeds for scholarship assistance in her late husband’s name.

For more information about an RIT Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Bette Rolley, assistant director of planned giving, RIT, 116 Lemb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY 14623; (716) 475-6566.
From heavy metal to Brick City, Zollo makes his mark

The largest sculpture Carl Zollo '52 ever created is at RIT. His alma mater also has inspired some of his most whimsical and ephemeral work.

The 8,000-pound, 11-foot high "Split Cube" at the entrance of the National Technical Institute for the Deaf is a campus landmark. But visitors to any of the annual Brick City Festivals have seen another side of the Rochester artist's creativity. Zollo has volunteered each year to design decorations for the Student Alumni Union cafeteria, one of many of the festivals key activities.

"I try to come up with ideas that are easy to execute," says Zollo of the Brick City work, "things that are fun for me and for the people who work on the event, and those who come."

The first year, he came up with the idea of hanging hundreds of lengths of ribbon from the rafters, creating an expanse of color and motion. Even more memorable was a theme based on white lights and silver stars.

"It was absolutely beautiful," recalls Cindy Gray, director of community relations and special events. "Carl brings a lot of enthusiasm to the project. I think people really look forward to the decorations. He's a tremendous asset to Brick City Festival."

The Rochester native majored in art and design at RIT and became art director for the newly formed Channel 8 television station after graduation. He began to explore sculpting, and developed a career as a metal artist. Zollo's commissioned works can be seen at Eastman Kodak Co., Genesee Hospital, Paychex, and many other Rochester-area businesses and organizations.

In May 1992 at age 52, Zollo underwent quadripole bypass surgery, but he has no plans to retire. "I'm going gangbusters," he says, "I'm as active as I want to be."

"I'm more interested in doing volunteer work," he adds. Besides his work at RIT, he lends his creativity to the Red Cross.

"It's the old story," he says, "I think we all reach a point when we feel you've got to give something back."
Light action turns the Alamo and Liberty Pole into Big Shots

After nearly a year of planning, RIT’s most recent Big Shot project ended in a flash. Actually, the light from hundreds of camera flashes and other sources helped produce a pair of compelling images, featuring a prominent Rochester landmark and one of our nation’s most historic monuments.

On Dec. 2, downtown Rochester served as the backdrop for Big Shot 2000. Faculty members Bill Dahl, Michael Peres and Dave Tower Dahlbom worked alongside students to photograph the annual holiday lighting of the Liberty Pole. Despite a temperature of 18 degrees, more than a thousand other volunteers from the community showed up to join the fun, helping create a magical moment.

“I absolutely gasped,” recalls Dave Tower Dahlbom. “It was just an incredible feeling to see all the lights and watch the reaction of all those people. It was a moment made the planning, the work and the anxiety all worthwhile.”

Just three months later, RIT’s photo team was off to the Alamo in San Antonio Texas. Big Shot 2001 became the highlight of events marking 165 years since the fall of the Alamo. The idea to bring Big Shot to San Antonio was proposed by Scott Salsinger, ‘91, an RIT alumnus now living there.

“It’s one of the most photographed buildings in the world,” he says. “Also, the hospitality in this city is overwhelming.”

He’s right. On March 10, hundreds of enthusiastic residents showed up to lend their support and to marvel at the spectacle. The Alamo became the first Big Shot produced outside New York and the 16th Big Shot since RIT’s School of Photographic Arts and Sciences started the tradition back in 1987.

For a look at the history of Big Shot, visit the Web site at http://photography.rit.edu.

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Dean Sheaffer ’72 is director of instructional technology for DeSales University, Center Valley, Pa.

John Gills ’73 is a quality manager at Films Industries, Rochester.

Larry Passek ’71 is a medical photographer for the Medical Examiner’s office of Suffolk County, Bay Shore, N.Y.

Steve Peterka ’74 is an application trainer for Heartland Imaging/Newspaper Electronics Division, Indianapol, Ind.

Daniel Shadrake ’74 is owner of Shadrake Designs, Forest Hills, N.Y.

Mark Siegel ’74 is research scientist for Georgia-Pacific, Nenah, Wisc.

Peter Blackberg ’75 is president of Riverside Cemetery, Saddlebrook, N.J.

David Hilton ’75 is president of Hilton Photographers, Inc., Worchester, Mass.

Michael Laskowski ’75 is assistant vice president of the Art Institute of Chicago, Chicago, Ill.

Daniel Malofski ’75 is a plant manager for Gulf States Paper Corp., Nicholasville, Ky.

Daniel Quinlan ’71 is president and chief executive officer of Lowery Lithograph Co., Canton, Ohio.

John Taylor ’75 is a prepress manager for Source One Worldwide, Lenexa.

Robert Rider ’76 is a training manager for The A-Consulting Team, New York.

Charles Clemen ’76 is a marketing sales representative for Burrell Color, Inc., Naperville, Ill.

L. Godwin ’76 is an associate professor for Texas A&M, Commerce, Texas.

George Jenkins ’75 is an estimator for Continental Lithograph Corp., Cleveland, Ohio.
Football team finds success at last

Twenty-five years ago, George Van Tassel was crouched under center, reading the defense and barking out plays as an RIT Tigers' quarterback during the squad's final season of play. Racing the sideline a few years earlier was Tom Coughlin, who was at the cusp of a distinguished head-coaching career.

Fast-forward to 2001. Following successful coaching jobs at collegiate and professional levels, Coughlin guides the National Football League Jacksonville Jaguars. And Van Tassel (BS graphic arts and photography/printing management '80), is out of his quarterback crooch (and out of football entirely notwithstanding an occasional pigskin toss to his daughters in his New York backyard) and standing tall as a vice president of commercial sales for Quebecor World in Bethesda, Md.

Van Tassel and countless others commonly share fond memories of the days, a quarter century ago, when field-goal posts adorned RIT's nascent campus.

And lately those fond football memories have come on like a quarterback rush.

In tribute to the gridiron Tigers of yesteryear, current members of RIT's student chapter of the Institute of Industrial Engineers — most not even born the last time RIT converted a first-down — are remembering the squad through a fund-raising benefitting travel to student conferences. They're selling T-shirts proclaiming "RIT Football — Unbeaten Since 1978!"

Sales have been brisk, leaders of the student group say, with hundreds sold at $10 a shirt. In fact, more people have purchased T-shirts than, on average, attended Tiger football games. "I thought it would be a fun way to raise money and it's been successful," says Jennie Gryspeer, a fifth-year industrial engineering major, who had the idea for the T-shirts. Students say they'll keep printing more T-shirts to keep up with demand, and they may add sweatshirts to their clothing line.

Like a quarterback running a two-minute drill, Van Tassel got to work to find out more about the fund-raiser the moment he heard about it. "I think the shirts are a fun idea," says Van Tassel, adding that he thinks football didn't enjoy widespread popularity at RIT because students were more focused on their studies and future careers. "Not many of my friends from home had six job offers like I did before I graduated," he boasts.

Joe Confort of Webster (MBA '81, BS graphics arts and photography '79), a former Tigers' defensive end, alerted his ex-teammates to the T-shirts after reading about them in the newspaper.

RIT's football Tigers began as a club in 1970 and became a varsity squad a year later. After going 0-8-1 in the 1977-78 campaign, the team was sacked following eight inauspicious seasons.


The T-shirts can be purchased at www.rit.edu/~liewww/football_shirts/. They're available in gray with either orange or black lettering and in a variety of sizes. Best of all, they'll never be outdated!
Robert Heine '50 is the owner and president of Robert Heine Photography, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mark Fairhurst '50 is an engineer for Oxford Instruments, Phoenix, Ariz.

Kenneth Strauss '80 is the senior manager for BellSouth Telecom, Tulsa, Okla.

Peter Sivci '80 is the interoperability lab manager for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.

Timothy Tie '80 is a fine paper sales representative for Versico, Northbrook, Ill.

Mark Dishel '94 is president and chief executive officer of Foxx Laboratories, Hamburg, Pa.

Henry Sack '81 is a legal services manager for Citicorp, Atlanta, Ga.

Donald Allard '82 is a managing partner for Portrait Management, Inc., San Diego, Calif.

Robert Arom '82 is a reconstructive specialist for Yorkshire, Stamford, Conn.

Ravnen Askiv '82 is a software engineer for NetScreen Technologies, Inc., Durham, N.C.

Andrew Tendler '82 is a senior manager for Agency Environmental Associates, West Chester, Pa.

Ralph Greene '82 is owner of Atelier Photographica in Minneapolis, Minn.

Steve Wee '82 is a public relations officer at PhotoLink Associates, Inc., Boston, Mass.

Frank Stavoschek '82 is a production manager at Mitro Camera, Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.

Donald Wardwell '82 is a manager of sales and marketing for BellSouth Telecom's Business Operations, N.Y.

Braut Cook '82 is president and owner of B.C. Connection in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Benjamin Hughes '83 is a vice president of photography for Alibis, New York.

Phillip Niehues '83 is a partner and general manager of Henry Comer Communications, Elgin, Ill.

Michelle Ballaarae '83 is an account executive for Sunstar Photography, Rochester, N.Y.

Ralph Harris '83 is a senior manager for New York's South Shore Transportation, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Pamela Smith '83 is a producer and director for Bose Corporation, Phoenix, Ariz.

Kevin Spalding '83 is a researcher for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.

Edward Crambure '83 is an advertising manager for the Lawrence Journal-World, Lawrence, Kan.

Jennifer Costello '84 is a producer for Ros Corp., Framingham, Mass.

Raymond Jacques '84 is a data analysis specialist at General Electric, Boston.

Howard Kaune '84 is president of the Society of National Press Photographers, New York.

David Piddock '84 is vice president of sales at Time, Inc., New York.

Eva Rasmussen '84 is a writing partner for the University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.

Thomas White '85 is director of development at the University of Texas, Austin, Tex.

Thomas White '85 is president of White Mountain Camera, Inc., Mountain View, Calif.

Walton David '86 is a bundle operations manager for Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., Bentonville, Ark.

Matthew James '86 is a printing manager for Screening Room, Inc., Exton, Pa.

Mark Schlegler '86 is a consulting engineer for Hewlett-Packard Laboratories, New York, N.Y.

Gregory Mihm '86 is a manager of technical support for Nike, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Cheryl Clegg '86 is a professional photographer for Clegg Clegg Photography, Rochester, N.Y.

Thomas Mignone '86 is a production manager for the University of Maryland, College Park, Md.

Douglas Wolf '86 is a director for Kappa Gamma Phi, Atlantic City, N.J.

Kenneth Farrell '87 is a management consultant for the Canadian Film Board, Photographs Unit, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Michael Franklin '87 is a computer artist for ImageWorks, Ltd., Rochester, N.Y.

George Pannizzo '87 is a software engineer for Silicon Graphics, San Jose, Calif.

Diane Dickson '88 is a graphic designer for American Greetings Corporation, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio.

John Judah '88 is a financial analyst for Primerica, Inc., Charlotte, N.C.

Michael Agrape '88 is a computer software engineer for Nikon Precision, Inc., Sandy, Utah.

Corey Mischak '89 is a digital imaging specialist for Sony Pictures Imageworks, Culver City, Calif.

Robert Mintz '89 is a commercial photographer for Independent Freeline, Chicago.

Brenden Busch '91 is the art director for CCA, Inc., Wilmington, Mass.

Bobbie Wiese '91 is a systems engineer for Automotive, Inc., Springfield, Va.

**Liberal Arts**

Dinah Masser Bingham '73 is a vocational counselor for the State Education Dept., Ellinwood, N.Y.

John Genovese '75 is a sales representative for Holman Lincoln-Mercury, Maple Shade, N.J.

George Lumpkin '76 is an attorney for Emery State Development, Albany, N.Y.

Robert Raymond '76 is an administrative assistant for the New York State Department of Correctional Services, Albany, N.Y.

Catherine Peck '78 is a partner and owner of Accommodating Imaging, Inc., Hollywood, Calif.

Cheryl Fairhurst '78 is the freelance artist and sculptor for Skywalk, Phoenix, Ariz.

John Simons '82 is a supervisory special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigations, Miami, Fla.

William Dyer '82 is a manager for Brown Cow, Inc., New York, N.Y.

Diane Whitney '82 is a technical specialist for Proctor & Gamble Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.


Ray '82 is a director of Deseret Service Center of Phoenix, Madigan Co., Inc., New York, N.Y.

Rachel Yu '82 is a product marketing manager for Transonics Corp, Santa Clara, Calif.

John Lineman '82 is a technical director for Oracle Corp., New York, N.Y.

Patrick Daly '82 is a packaging engineer for Ocean Spray Cranberries, Lakeville, Mass.

Calvyn Dykes '83 is a counselor analyst for Swift, Denver, Colo.

Penny Emsley '83 is a recruiting manager for Trefex International, Salt Lake City.

Sandra Dowlz-Vasquez '86 is a technical support specialist at Martin Marietta, New York, N.Y.

Michael Agrape '87 is a product manager for Hewlett-Packard Corporation, Toronto, Ontario.

Laurie Dayton '87 is an art director for T. P. Asa College of Maryland, St. Mary's City, Md.

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Science

Anthony Trippi '66 is an associate professor of computer engineering at RIT, Rochester.

Gary Brodock '59 is a software engineering consultant for Logic Technology, Inc., Schenectady, N.Y.

Robert Herbst '75 is a chemist at FMC Corp., Princeton, N.J.

George Olin '73 is a research scientist for Eastman Kodak Company, Rochester, N.Y.

Ira Hoffman '81 is an operations manager for the Dow Chemical Company, Midland, Mich.

Anthony Kavanas '84 is a vice president of First USA Bank, Wilmington, Del.

Michael Patrick '84 is a network manager for RPM Wood Finishes Group, Hickory, N.C.

Pasquale Falco '85 is a global portfolio manager for Union Carbide Chemicals, Basle, Switzerland.

Wayne Grinfeld '85 is a senior technical writer for Olysim Amcor, Metuchen, N.J.

Bruce Morrow '85 is an associate director for Teachers and Writers Collaborative, New York.

Debra Hunt '86 is an ultrasonographer for St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, N.Y.

Scott Condon '87 is a senior vice president and global director of research and development for Financial Technologies, Inc., New York.

Kathryn Mason '87 is a research scientist at Wyeth-Lederle Laboratories, Jefferson, N.Y.

Barbara Stephens Panoff '87 is a systems analyst for User-Interface Interactive Design, Rochester.

Richard Lemmon '88 is a program manager for Emergent Information Technologies, Inc., Torrance, Calif.


Patricia Moon '89 is a pediatrician at Adirondack Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Jay Watson '88 is a software engineer at Arch Chemicals, White Plains, N.Y.

Mary Disano '89 is an assistant professor of chemistry and geosciences at Monroe Community College, Rochester.

Drew Solomon '89 is a systems analyst at Computer Data Systems, Las Vegas, Nev.

Eva Tuzi '89 is a systems analyst at Interstate CompuCorp, Oak Brook, Ill.

Teresa Bissonnet '90 is a technical editor at Polyurethane Networks, Inc., San Diego.

David Clark '90 is a manufacturing engineer at Imaging & Sensing Technologies, Horseheads, N.Y.

Frederick Saunders '90 is a scientist at Uniliver, Princeton, N.J.

Joanne Yeh '90 is an assistant professor of biochemistry at Brown University, Providence, R.I.

Dawid Matz and '91 is a professor of engineering science at the University of Rochester.

Barbara Steinberg '91 is an associate professor of biochemistry at Stanford University, Stanford, Calif.

Cari Groisman '91 is a molecular biologist at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.

Donald Hahn '91 is a computer consultant at the University of Maryland.

Lynn Rosen Miller '91 is a biostatistician at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Kimberly Capparelli '91 is a biostatistician at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Michael Donalek '92 is a data entry specialist at the University of Rochester.

Michelle Cross Krueger '92 is an entry-level support specialist at the University of Rochester.

Patricia Beavers '93 is a data entry specialist at the University of Rochester.

Scott O'Brien '93 is a data entry specialist at the University of Rochester.

Trevor Brown '93 is a graduate assistant at the University of Rochester.

Marjorie Kenz '94 is a physician and surgeon at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Lackland, Tex.

Jennifer Hutz '95 is a project manager at the University of Rochester.

Wendy Albano '96 is a medical student at the University of Rochester.

Amy Bell '96 is a software engineer at the University of Rochester.

Karen Comley '96 is a senior research associate at the University of Rochester.

Kevin Eckles '96 is a research assistant at the University of Rochester.

Darcy Hall '97 is a software engineer at the University of Rochester.

Elizabeth Kelle '98 is a software engineer at the University of Rochester.
Births

Business
Eileen Bok Furlanay 89 and husband, Bill, a daughter, Meline Marie, Jan. 12, 2000.
Elizabeth Antonini Hopp 91 and husband, Michael, a daughter, Alexandra Marie, Aug. 27, 2000.
Kurt Rosen 93 and wife, Jennifer, a son, Nicholas, Nov. 2, 2000.
Patricia Duggan Broske 94 and husband, Derek, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Feb. 1, 2000.
Thomas Noonan 94 and wife, Meg, a daughter, Abigail, Jan. 10, 2000.
Vicky Overbeck Schneider 95 and husband, Christopher, a son, Jan. 1, 2000.
Marjorie Rosenbloom Goldstein 98 and husband, Julius, a daughter, Sophie, Sept. 10, 2000.

CAST
James Berg 86 and wife, Tracy, a son, Matthew, June 17, 2000.
Eric Derby 86 and wife, Ellen, a daughter, Rachel Teresa, Jan. 6, 2000.
Anne Rogers Carlin 89 and husband, Anthony, a daughter, Gabriella, Sept. 26, 2000.
John Louis 89 and wife, Sarah, a son, Drew, Nov. 16, 2000.
Jason Cicora 93 and wife, Lori, a daughter, Skyler Lynn, Jan. 29, 2000.

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Heidi Zemanier 87 and Daniel Huber, April 29, 2000.

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Richard Albano 96 and Wendy M. Dwyer, July 1, 2000.

CIAAS
Kimberly Shaver Lomax 94 and husband, Matthew, a daughter, Anna, Aug. 13, 2000.
Pheobe Pardo 94 and husband, Alex, a son, Jeremy, June 27, 2000.
Sandra Zalewski 94 and husband, Bryan, a daughter, Alex, May 25, 2000.

Engineering

Fine and Applied Arts
Briana Murphy 82 and wife, Kathy, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, Oct. 2, 2000.
Beatt Nichols 86 and wife, Reed, a daughter, Brian, Aug. 1, 2000.
Mary Gansoucheck Williams 86 and husband, Thomas, a son, Mohammed Turrell, March 29, 2000.
Tracy Lupisinski Schanzer 88 and husband, Alan, a son, Fox Elliot, Oct. 9, 2000.
Loren Beers Packer 89 and husband, Mark, a son, Benjamin John, May 11, 2000.
Jamie Dolgas Dwyer 91 and husband, Matthew, a daughter, Julia Rae, Sept. 29, 1999.
Eric Jacobs 91 and wife, Kim, a daughter, Courtney Brooke, Nov. 12, 2000.

Liberal Arts
Dominico Ciminno 90 and wife, Christine, a daughter, Michael, Aug. 28, 2000.
Christine Chudzinsk 92 and husband, James Lang, a daughter, James Koch Jr., March 30, 2000.
Elizabeth Perry Bergstrom 96 and husband, Carol, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, May 14, 2000.
Denise Evans Dwyer 98 and husband, John, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, March 1, 2000.
Tracey Schrader 98 and husband, Eric, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, April 29, 2000.

Science
Donald Richards 88 and wife, Cynthia, 89, a son, Raymond, March 2000.
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